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BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-340-C - ORDER NO. 96-880  
DECEMBER 23, 1996

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IN RE: Bell Atlantic Nynex Mobile - )  
Petition for Arbitration with )  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ) ORDER  
Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act )  
of 1996. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") by way of the Petition for Arbitration filed by Bell Atlantic Nynex Mobile (BANM) under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), also known as the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. BANM requests that the Commission arbitrate the unresolved issues in the interconnection negotiations between BANM and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth").

In the interest of administrative expediency and in order to establish procedural guidelines for this arbitration, the Commission hereby adopts the Arbitration Process as prepared by the Commission Staff and proposed by Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary E. Walsh by way of memorandum dated December 20, 1996. This Arbitration Process is attached hereto, consists of one page, and is incorporated by reference herein. The Commission shall follow the Process in administering the arbitration between BANM and BellSouth. However, the Commission shall retain the right


to modify, amend or supplement the Process or indeed delete portions of the Process as necessary.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

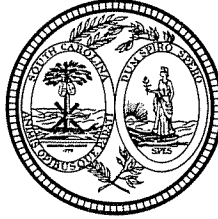
  
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Public Service Commission

TO: DOCKET NO. 96-375-C  
FROM: GARY E. WALSH, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *HEW*  
DATE: DECEMBER 20, 1996  
IN RE: AT&T/BELL ATLANTIC NYNEX ARBITRATION PROCESS

ISSUE ORDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ARBITRATION PLAN AS IT RELATES TO DOCKET # 96-340-C BELL ATLANTIC NYNEX/BELLSOUTH ARBITRATION PROCESS:

- \* SET THIS MATTER FOR HEARING MONDAY JANUARY 27, 1997 @ 11:00 AM.
- \* REQUIRE BANM TO PREFILE TESTIMONY ON OR BEFORE 12-30-96.
- \* REQUIRE BELLSOUTH TO PREFILE TESTIMONY ON OR BEFORE 1-13-97.
- \* ALLOW PARTIES (AT&T/BELLSOUTH) AND PARTICIPANTS TO SUBMIT A NON-BINDING LIST OF PROPOSED QUESTIONS TO THE "ARBITRATOR" (COMMISSION) ON OR BEFORE 1-20-97.
- \* OPENING STATEMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED BY PARTIES AND PARTICIPANTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE HEARING.
- \* PRESENTATION OF DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS FROM THE PARTIES IN A PANEL FORMAT.
- \* EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES BY THE "ARBITRATOR" OR THEIR DESIGNEE (COMMISSION LEGAL STAFF). CROSS EXAMINATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO SPECIFIC WITNESSES OR TO THE ENTIRE PANEL.
- \* CLOSING STATEMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED BY PARTIES AND PARTICIPANTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING.